

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2002-03

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATEWIDE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

WHEREAS, management of vocational rehabilitation services by Idaho state agencies could benefit from review by, and the advice of, a council of citizens with personal knowledge of the needs of persons with disabilities and interest in the manner in which those needs are addressed; and

WHEREAS, the 1992 amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Title I, Section 105, of PL 102-569) mandate review of the "state plan" and "strategic plan" drafted by the designated state unit (the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation) by a Statewide Rehabilitation Council; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Idaho to establish the Rehabilitation Council to advise the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation on the state plan, the strategic plan, and other Division activities undertaken to benefit the citizens of Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby order the establishment of the State Rehabilitation Council.

The Council shall review the activities of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and advise on the preparation of applications, the state plan, the strategic plan and amendments to the plans, reports, needs assessments, and evaluations required by Title I of the 1992 amendments of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be selected after soliciting recommendations from representatives of organizations representing a broad range of individuals with disabilities and organizations interested in individuals with disabilities. The members shall include:

- 1. At least one representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council;*
- 2. At least one representative of a parent training and information center established pursuant to section 631(c)(9) of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (20 U.S.C. 1431(c)(9));*
- 3. At least one representative of the client assistance program established under section 112 of the 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;*
- 4. At least one vocational rehabilitation counselor, with knowledge of, and experience with, vocational rehabilitation programs (who, if an employee of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the Council);*
- 5. At least one representative of community rehabilitation program service providers;*
- 6. Four representatives of business, industry, and labor;*
- 7. Representatives of disability advocacy groups representing a cross section of:*
 - (a) Individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities;*
 - (b) Parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty in representing themselves or are unable, due to their disabilities, to represent themselves;*
- 8. Current or former applicants for, or recipients of, vocational rehabilitation services;*
- 9. The Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, who shall serve as an ex officio member of the Council;*

10. A representative of the Department of Education;

11. A representative from Idaho's Native American Tribes; and

12. A representative from the Workforce Development Council.

A majority of the Council shall be comprised of persons who are individuals with disabilities and not employed by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Members of the Council shall select a chair from among their number.

This Executive Order shall cease to be effective four years after its entry into force



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this second day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred eleventh.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne", written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pete T. Cenarrusa", written over a horizontal line.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE